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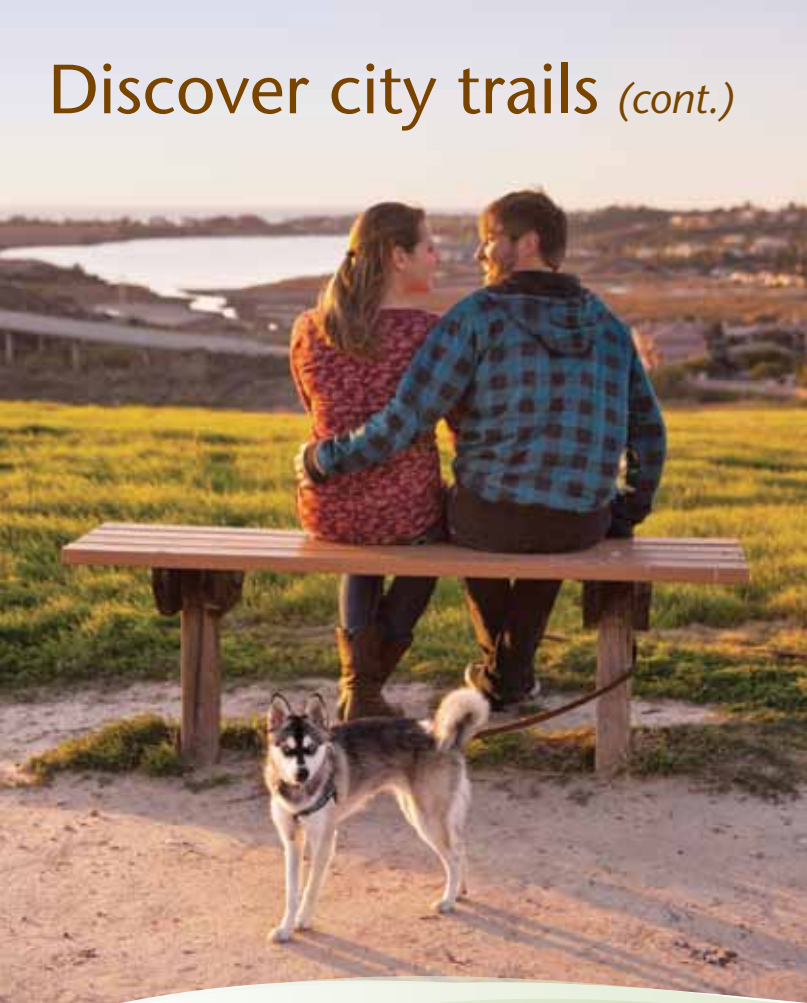
Improving traffic

Discover city trails

Whether you're looking for a relaxing stroll, a challenging hike or something in between, the City of Carlsbad's extensive trails system has something for you.

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Discover city trails *(cont.)*



The City of Carlsbad has an extensive network of trails – more than 45 miles and counting – that help residents connect with nature, encourage a healthy outdoor lifestyle and provide new ways to get around town.

Trails are enjoyed by walkers, joggers, dogs (on leashes!) and even mountain bikers. To find out more about the city trails system, visit the city website where you'll

find a map of all the trail heads and downloadable trail guides. Volunteers play a big role in keeping

our trails well maintained. If you are interested in getting involved as a trails volunteer or through the Adopt-a-Trail program, contact Liz Ketabian at liz.ketabian@carlsbadca.gov.

Scan this code to watch a video about city trails



Construction project helps protect *Buena Vista Lagoon*

Jefferson Street between Marron Road and Las Flores will be closed to through traffic off and on throughout 2012 to allow construction workers to install two new 4,200-foot-long sewer pipes around the lagoon. In 2007, a pipeline broke causing a sewage spill. Although crews repaired the pipe, an evaluation of the pipe's condition found that it needed to be replaced. Hosp Grove Park and trails will remain accessible, even when Jefferson is closed. Please drive carefully in the construction zone and use alternate routes when possible.



Fun events

Trail volunteer event

Saturday, March 10, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Rancho La Costa Preserve

760-434-2978

Help clean up and maintain one of the city's many beautiful trails while meeting new friends and enjoying nature.

This is Jazz!

Saturday, March 24, April 21, May 19, 4 p.m. (entry tickets distributed starting at 3 p.m. Doors open at 3:45 p.m.), Free

Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, 760-434-2904

Dirk Sutro's vast knowledge, multimedia treasures and terrific guest performers enliven this 90-minute lecture-with-music series, capped by great conversations among the host, musicians and audience members. There's never an empty seat, so arrive early.

EGGstravaganza Spring Festival

Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Poinsettia Community Park,

760-434-2843

Celebrate the spring with games, activities, crafts and entertainment. Activity cards are available for purchase for access to the egg scramble, fun zone and more. Also, sample the variety of summer camps by participating in demonstrations and meeting the instructors.



Carlsbad Reads Together Author Visit

Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m., Free

Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, 760-602-2012

Acclaimed author T. Jefferson Parker will discuss and sign *Iron River*, the 2012 Carlsbad Reads Together community reads selection.



Carlsbad residents give city high marks

Each year, the city conducts a scientific survey to find out how residents rate the city's performance in a wide variety of areas, and the latest results show record high marks:

- Quality of life: 98 percent of residents feel the quality of life in Carlsbad is good or excellent, up from 96 percent in 2010.
- City services: 94 percent of residents are satisfied with the job the city is doing, up from 92 percent in 2010.

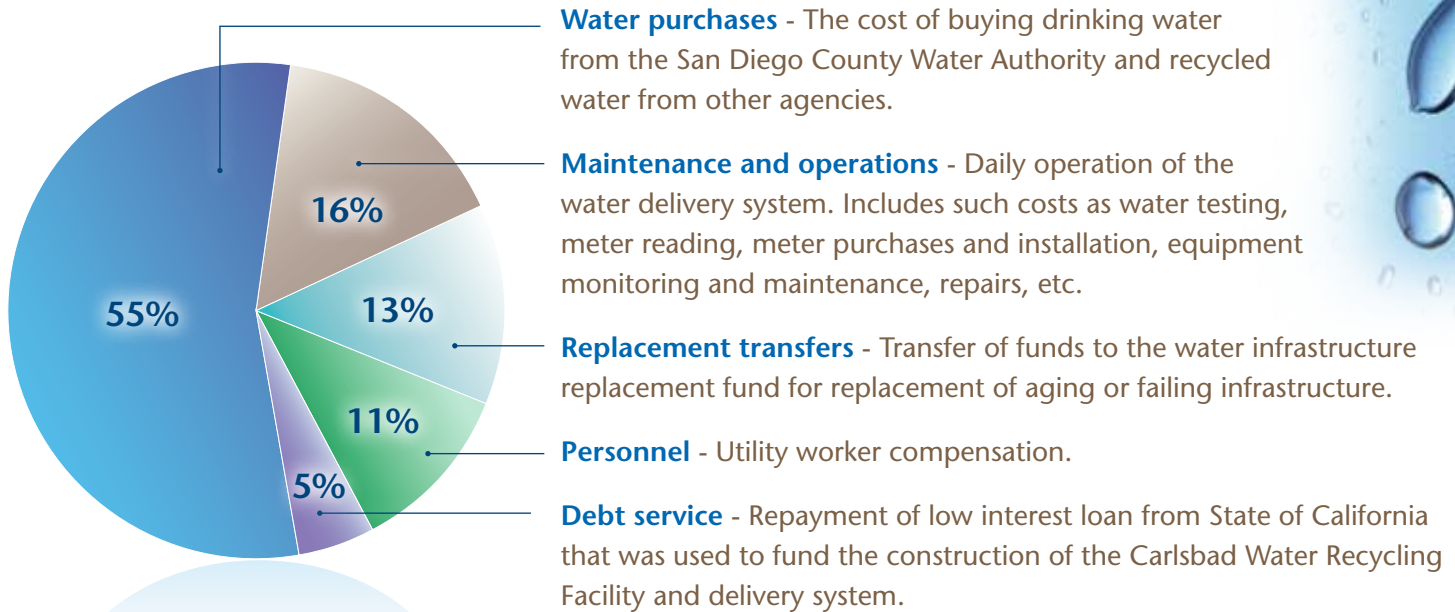
"It's important to check in with our residents to make sure we're measuring up to their high expectations," said City Manager Lisa Hildabrand. "This is one way we hold ourselves accountable."

- Confidence in city government: 84 percent of residents have confidence in Carlsbad city government to make decisions that positively affect the lives of community members, up from 78 percent in 2010.

To read the full survey report, visit the city website and search "survey."

Where does the money from my water bill go?

In January, a 10 percent water rate increase went into effect. Ever wonder how money collected from water rates is used? The vast majority of this money is used to buy water. The second largest expense is the maintenance and operations of the system that delivers the water to homes and businesses. Here's a complete breakdown:



Ask the City



Why do I sometimes sit at a red light for what seems like forever, and no one is coming in the other direction?

Carlsbad's current traffic signal sensors use older equipment that has trouble detecting vehicles in foggy conditions and at dawn and dusk. The good news is that the city is in the process of updating this equipment with newer technology that will not only detect vehicles and bicycles more accurately, but will also enable city traffic engineers to make adjustments to signal timing remotely from a coordinated traffic management center. The city is starting with the most heavily traveled streets, but eventually, this new equipment will be used citywide to help improve traffic flow. In the meantime, if you have concerns about the timing of a particular signal, contact the city's Transportation Department at transportation@carlsbadca.gov or 760-602-2730.

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What's the phone number for?

City Hall	760-434-2820
County animal control	760-438-2312
Monroe Street Pool	760-602-4685
Non-emergency police	760-931-2197
Chamber of Commerce	760-931-8400
The Crossings golf course	760-444-1800
Utility billing	760-602-2420
Street light repair	760-434-2980



For more commonly requested phone numbers, visit the city's website and click on "Carlsbad A-Z" in the upper right of the screen.

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